

REMARKS

Claims 20-34 and 45-51 have been examined. Claims 20-22 and 45-51 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Also, the Examiner has indicated that claims 23-27 and 28-34 contain allowable subject matter.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,264,831 to Pfeiffer and JP 58-201027 to Murata

The Examiner has rejected claims 20-22 and 46-51 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Pfeiffer in view of Murata. However, by this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claim 20, without prejudice or disclaimer. Also, Applicant has rewritten allowable claims 24 and 26 into independent form and has amended claims 21, 22 and 46-51 to be dependent upon either claim 24 or 26. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the rejection of claims 20-22 and 46-51 is now moot.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Pfeiffer, Murata and U.S. Patent No. 5,689,288 to Wimmer

The Examiner has rejected claim 45 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Pfeiffer, Murata and Wimmer. However, since claim 45 has been amended to depend from an allowable claim, Applicant submits that the rejection is now moot.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

As set forth above, the Examiner has indicated that claims 23-27 and 28-34 contain allowable subject matter.

IV. Newly Added Claims

Applicant has added new claims 52-71. Applicant submits that such claims are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency upon an allowed independent claim.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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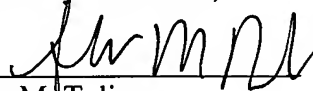
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